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CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE TROOPERS AT TROOP "D" TO CONDUCT SPOT CHECKS

The Connecticut State Police, Troop D in Danielson, under the direction of Lt. Michael Guillot, will conduct DUI spot checks throughout the weekend of Friday July 11^{th to} Sunday July 13th. This enforcement operation will take place throughout the weekend and sobriety checkpoints are planned at various locations in the town of Killingly. Troopers plan on intensifying their *Driving while Intoxicated* enforcement during this period. In addition to emphasis on detecting drivers who are under the influence, troopers will also be enforcing the State's seat belt laws and other motor vehicle laws.

All motorists stopped at the checkpoint will be briefly examined for signs of intoxication and compliance with state laws. In cases where the trooper detects signs of intoxication or other violations, the motorist will be directed to a location out of the flow of traffic where the trooper will conduct additional investigation. All other drivers will be permitted to resume their journey immediately. The average delay will be approximately 20 seconds for the non-violator operator.

This effort by the State Police comes at a particularly important time of year for heightened awareness on the part of motorists. With that in mind, the Connecticut State Police would like to remind and emphasize the importance of driving in a safe and sober manner at all times.

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